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LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMING

MANY YOUNG LADIES ASK RESERVATION OF ROOMS AT I. L. & C.

SESSION OPENS TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Several Changes in Faculty Are Announced By President Whitfield.

The Mississippi Industrial Institute and College will open its thirty-second annual session Tuesday, September 19, and President Whitfield, who has recently returned from Asheville, N. C., where he spent a portion of the summer, announces that prospects for the coming year are exceedingly bright.

An unusually large number of requests for reservations in the dormitories have been received, and it is believed that the school will start out with a full complement of students. The first three days of the session will be devoted to examinations, and recitations will begin on Friday, September 22.

The opening of the new session will witness several changes in the faculty. Miss Bessie Huddleston, who has been an instructor in the English department, has tendered her resignation, and will be succeeded by Miss Mary Calloway, of Pontotoc, Miss. Miss Calloway is an alumna of the local institution, and has just completed a post graduate course extending over a period of three years at the Leland Stanford University in California, where she took her M. A. degree. Miss Bessie Heath, who has been taking a post-graduate course at Columbia, returns to the college and resumes her place at the head of the department of history. During the absence of Miss Heath her duties have been most acceptably performed by Miss Lottie Howard, who will probably remain as an assistant instructor in history.

On account of the economic policy pursued by the Mississippi Legislature at its last session only about \$2,500 was appropriated for improvements at the college, but this small amount has been judiciously expended, and both grounds and buildings have been put in good shape.

Band Concert This Afternoon.

The following program will be rendered by the Princess Orchestra at Lake Park this afternoon: The Gray Champion; Lullaby Overture; Apple Blossoms; Stephanie Gavotte; Pansy Blossom Waltz; Violeta; Cornet Solo; Sons of Liberty; Quartette from Rigoletto; The Rosary—by Request; America First.

The Commercial regrets to note that Mr. V. B. Imes, the efficient business manager of the Columbus Dispatch, is confined to his bed by illness.

Second Primary September 5.

The second primary, which is to be held in order to decide the winner in the race for justice of the supreme court of the Northern district, will be on September 5th, the opposing candidates being Hon. E. O. Sykes, of Aberdeen, and Hon. R. H. Knox, of Houston.

Incomplete returns from the first primary held on last Tuesday show the vote in the judge's race to have been: Sykes, 12,000; Knox, 10,000; McGowan, 5,000.

FIRST BALE OF 1916 COTTON BROUGHT IN BY JOHN WILSON

BALE WEIGHS 540 POUNDS AND IS STORED WITH GARDNER AND SMITH.

The first bale of cotton of the crop of 1916 to reach Columbus was brought in Friday by John Wilson, a negro farmer residing five miles southeast of Columbus on the Pickensville road. The bale, which weighed 540 pounds, was ginned at the plant of the Independent Oil and Fertilizer Works and was stored at the warehouse of Gardner and Smith. It has not yet been sold. Wilson, although a negro, is one of the most progressive farmers in the county, and several times during the past few years has brought in the first bale marketed here.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS INVITED HERE

CIVIC CHAMBER ASKS HIM TO VISIT LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT.

LETTER FORWARDED TO WHITE HOUSE

President Has Tentatively Promised to Visit Jackson, and May Come Here.

The Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes county has decided to extend to President Wilson an invitation to be present at the livestock exhibition which is to be held here in October, and the invitation was forwarded to Washington by Secretary Weatherly Friday afternoon.

The president now has under consideration an invitation to visit Jackson early in the fall, and as dates for the livestock exhibition have not been definitely agreed upon it will be an easy matter to fix the time so as to make it possible for him to come direct from the state capital to Columbus.

Ex-President Taft visited Columbus when he was making his famous "swing around the circle" in 1909, having come here from Jackson and gone next to Birmingham, and as President Wilson, in the event that he decides to come south, will visit both these cities it will not be inconvenient for him to include this city in his itinerary. More than ten thousand strangers were here to greet former President Taft when he visited Columbus seven years ago, and in the event that President Wilson accepts the invitation which has been extended him it is expected that he will be greeted by a still larger crowd.

Ne Preaching at Two Churches.

Although there will be Sunday school at both the First Methodist and Episcopal churches this morning at 9:30 o'clock, there will be no preaching at either place today.

Cotton Despite Weevil.

Agricultural College, Miss., Aug. 19.—Prof. J. W. Fox, former director of the Mississippi experiment stations, now manager of the Delta Planting Company plantations at Scott, Miss., delivered a worth while address here last night to the farmers of Union county, who arrived yesterday in automobiles for a two-day short course in agriculture. "Growing Cotton Under Bole Weevil Conditions," was the subject of the lecture, and Prof. Fox's remarks were based on his experiences with the weevil.

He stated that in addition to a good soil, well drained, early and thorough preparation of the seed bed and early planting of plenty of seed were essentials to success. He pointed out that if the first crop failed it was too late to re-plant cotton, but some other crop should be substituted. He advocated a thick stand, as much as 10,000 stalks to the acre, rapid cultivation and keeping the grass down as the surest method of getting a fair crop set before the weevils appeared. Comparatively early and vigorous varieties were recommended. Prof. Fox stated that cold winters were the best protection and gave scientific demonstrations, showing the infestations to be light following hard winters. He stated that he had not found it profitable to pick up the squares, owing to a heavy demand for labor on other farm operations at that season of the year.

Illiteracy Bulletin of Interest.

The Mississippi Illiteracy Commission has recently issued a bulletin which gives some interesting facts regarding illiteracy in this state. The bulletin shows that the number of native white illiterates in Mississippi is 5.2 per cent, while the average for the United States is only 3 per cent. It further shows that of the total population ten years old or older, Mississippi has 234 illiterates per 1,000, being the fourth state in the Union in this respect. In this class the number of illiterates in the United States is 7.7 per cent of the entire population, while in Mississippi it is 24.4 per cent.

Miss Elise Timberlake, a member of the faculty of the Industrial Institute and College in this city, is secretary of the Mississippi Illiteracy Commission. Hon. Charles Rundle, of Louisville, is chairman, and other members are State Superintendent of Education W. H. Smith, of Jackson, Hon. J. T. Thomas, of Grenada, and Mrs. J. E. Fox, of Jackson.



—Kirby in New York World.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

In reply to the charges of American exporters that British merchants are securing trade secrets through examination of neutral mail intercepted by censors, the British embassy issued a statement Thursday in which it pointed out that any such procedure would violate British laws against disclosure of official information. The embassy announced that it would be glad to receive evidence of any offense of that nature.

Chancellor O. B. Taylor, having issued a writ of appeal from his decree sustaining the injunction that was brought by parties interested in preserving the state game and fish commission law of 1914 from the possibilities of a referendum vote, the attorney-general's department will proceed to prepare the appeal record and brief for review by the supreme court. A conference was held between these attorneys and Chancellor Taylor and it was agreed between all that the same exceptions as were noted in the companion case, that of T. J. Bailey et al. vs. J. W. Power, secretary of state, would be used.

Henry Hamilton Honore, for many years a dominant figure in real estate circles in Chicago, died last week at the age of 93 years.

Bakers throughout the country are preparing to advance the price of the 5-cent loaf of bread to 6 cents, according to Paul Schultze, head of one of Chicago's largest baking concerns. The advance may come within two weeks, he said. "If flour prices remain at their present high figure it will be impossible for bakers to sell the small-sized loaf for five cents," said he.

A conspiracy to manufacture and circulate \$1,000,000 of counterfeit silver certificates and United States treasury notes was frustrated in New York last week by W. J. Flynn, chief of the government secret service and several of his assistants. Eight arrests were made after raids on a house at Grant City, Staten Island, and one in East Ninth street in New York. A complete counterfeit outfit was found, consisting of photographic apparatus, lithographic presses, electrotyping and etching tools, paper and colored inks. According to the secret service men the counterfeiters were well supplied with money, their outfit alone having cost upward of \$2,000. The scheme, the government agents said they were informed, was to manufacture the \$1,000,000 in spurious bills, then destroy the plant before attempting to dispose of the bogus money.

Scouts Return.

Sixteen members of Columbus Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, who have for the past ten days been at camp at Waverly, Miss., returned to the city yesterday.

Waverly is situated ten miles above Columbus on the Tombigbee river, and furnished an ideal camp site. The boys were in charge of Scoutmaster W. B. Hamilton and Assistant Scoutmaster E. H. Kelly, and enjoyed their outing very much.

JUDGE ABRAM S. HUMPHRIES

DIES AT HIS HOME IN HONOLULU

WAS A NATIVE OF COLUMBUS AND HAD MANY FRIENDS RESIDING HERE.

Col. W. D. Humphries on yesterday received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, Judge Abram S. Humphries, which occurred at his home in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, Friday.

Judge Humphries was a native of this city, but had been a resident of Honolulu for something like a quarter of a century. He was about 55 years old, and besides his widow and several children, is survived by two brothers, Col. W. D. Humphries and Mr. John W. Humphries, and a sister, Mrs. M. E. H. Tucker, the sister and two brothers being prominent residents of Columbus.

The cablegram made no statement regarding the funeral, but it is probable that the remains will be buried in Honolulu.

Judge Humphries had numerous friends residing in Columbus, and the news of his death caused universal regret here.

OGDEN NAMES COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE HIGHWAY ROUTE

WORK WILL BE RESUMED AS SOON AS DECISION IS REACHED.

Secretary J. G. Weatherly, of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes county, is in receipt of a letter from Hon. W. W. Ogden, of Vernon, Ala., who presided over the meeting recently held in that town for the purpose of settling a disagreement on the part of citizens regarding the route of the proposed Jackson Highway through Lamar county, in which he gives the names of the gentlemen appointed to go over the two proposed routes and decide which one is the most practicable.

At the Vernon meeting it was decided to leave the selection of the route to a committee of five citizens, none of whom must live on either one of the proposed courses, and Mr. Ogden states that he has appointed the following committee to decide the controversy: Messrs. R. D. Windham and Hill Strickland, of Millport; L. V. Hinson and R. J. Young, Sulligent; C. F. Barnett, Guinn.

After these gentlemen have reached a decision as to which one of these routes is most feasible, work will be resumed and pushed rapidly forward to completion.

Mitchell Car Arrives.

Two handsome new Mitchell cars were received Friday by the Wright's Auto Sales Company, and they are beautiful. One is a seven passenger machine and the other is a five passenger. They are the latest on the market and present a most attractive appearance. Many people have already visited the Wright garage and inspected the two machines.

ADMINISTRATION SHIPPING

PASSES THE SENATE

BITTER FIGHT OVER MEASURE AT LAST RESULTS IN FAVORABLE VOTE.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The government shipping bill passed the Senate Friday by a vote of 38 to 21, ending one of the most bitterly contested legislative struggles of the Wilson administration.

In the last Congress the measure precipitated a Democratic revolt, but revised so as to minimize the government operation feature, the measure received unanimous Democratic support and solid Republican opposition. It already has passed the House.

The shipping bill provides for the creation of a government shipping board to acquire and operate ships for rehabilitation of the American merchant marine and appropriates \$50,000,000 for that purpose, to be raised by the sale of Panama Canal bonds.

Several important amendments were agreed to just before the final vote, among them one by Senator Hoke Smith, reducing the salary of the shipping board members from \$10,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Other amendments adopted included one by Senator Fletcher, which would authorize the President to seek adjustment of foreign discriminations against American shipping through diplomatic negotiations and to take retaliatory action if such negotiations fail.

Another by Senator Thomas would authorize the treasury to withhold clearance from masters of vessels who deliberately refuse to accept freight from American shippers without satisfactory reasons.

At the last minute vain efforts were made by Senator Borah to attach the immigration bill to the shipping measure.

Administration leaders are hopeful that Senate amendments to the bill will be acceptable to the House, where it will be submitted Tuesday, and that a conference will be unnecessary.

The bill as passed by the Senate would create a shipping board of five commissioners, appointed by the President, the House provision making the secretaries of the navy and commerce, ex-officio members having been eliminated.

The board would be authorized either directly or indirectly, through a corporation or corporations to be organized, to build, purchase, lease or charter vessels suitable for use in ocean commerce.

Limitations upon these powers would prohibit the acquisition of any vessel at the time engaged in foreign or domestic commerce of the United States, unless it is to be withdrawn from such commerce by the owner without intention to return thereto within a reasonable time; the purchase of any vessel which is under registry or flag of a foreign country engaged in war; or acquisition of any vessel which would not be available for ocean commerce without unreasonable alterations.

Mr. Milton Rainey has returned to his position at L. E. Lide's, after a pleasant visit to the coast.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION MEETS

LOWNDES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AT NEW SALEM.

A FINE PROGRAM IS BEING GIVEN

Rev. W. Fred Long, of Jackson, and Other Prominent Workers in Attendance.

The Lowndes County Sunday School Association began its annual meeting at New Salem, in the northern section of the county Saturday morning, and the session, which is being presided over by Mr. J. A. Govee, president of the organization, will continue throughout Sunday.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. J. A. Govee, and those exercises were followed by a song service, the singing being led by Mr. W. P. Halbert. Then followed the address of welcome, which was delivered by Mr. L. A. Halbert, with response by Prof. Riggs Vaughn. Among other speakers at the Saturday session were: Mr. W. A. Chisholm, a state worker, who spoke on "The Audit Department;" Prof. R. A. Hickman, whose subject was "A Sunday School in Every Community, and Why;" and Miss Charlotte Thompson, a field worker of the Mississippi Sunday School Association, who discussed "Intermediate Work."

Among the speakers scheduled to deliver addresses Sunday are: Rev. W. Fred Long, of Jackson, secretary of the Mississippi Sunday School Association; Prof. Dabney Lipscomb, a member of the faculty of the Industrial Institute and College, and Mr. V. B. Imes, business manager of the Columbus Dispatch.

The association is interdenominational, and there is a large crowd in attendance upon the meeting, practically every Sunday school within the borders of Lowndes county being represented. The program for today follows:

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.
Devotional, conducted by J. H. Redus.

Song Service, conducted by Prof. Dabney Lipscomb and J. M. Easton.

Decision Day in Practical Operation and Its Importance in the Sunday School, open discussion led by State Worker.

The Sunday School from the Standpoint of the Young Man, Olin W. Storey and V. B. Imes.

Adjourn.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.
Song Service conducted by J. M. Holloway.

Am I My Brother's Keeper? M. O. Cockerham and E. M. Chapman.

Personal Work for Every Member of the Sunday School and Its Importance, W. N. Puckett.

Can a Man Be Educated in the True Sense of the Term Without a Knowledge of the Bible? John F. Frierson and O. M. Lawrence.

How May We Eliminate Self in Sunday School Work? B. G. Hall.

Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

Snap Shots by the Convention.

Adjourn.

Dr. S. M. Rainey, of Mayhew, was in Columbus Thursday on business.

Mr. E. M. Shropshire was a visitor to Tupelo Thursday.

Messrs. G. B. McArthur, Tom Moore, Sam Moore, Henry Harper, J. A. Simms, Andrew McDaniel and J. C. Milner, of the Vernon, Ala., neighborhood, were in Columbus Friday on business.

Mrs. B. E. Seal and children returned yesterday from a week's visit to relatives in Water Valley, having made the trip in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapsky leave this week for New York and other eastern cities where they expect to spend a fortnight. While away Mr. Chapsky will buy a complete line of fall and winter stock for the firm of Lipsey and Chapsky.

Miss Corinne Nickles left yesterday for Fayette, Ala., where she goes to teach in the high school the coming session. Miss Nickles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nickles, and graduated last session at the I. L. & C.

EMPLOYEES ACCEPT PRESIDENT'S PLAN

OPERATIVES WILLING TO ACCEPT HIS SUGGESTIONS, IT IS SAID.

BOSSSES, HOWEVER, REMAIN OBDURATE

Situation is Deadlocked and Present Status Doesn't Indicate Early Settlement.

Washington, August 19.—President Wilson's plan for settlement of the threatened nation wide railroad strike was accepted by the representatives of the employees and taken under consideration by the officials of the road with many indications that they would reject it. The last word from the managers, however, was to the effect that they had reached no definite decision.

With the situation thus apparently deadlocked the only hope lay in reports that the railroad officials might suggest a counter proposal or that one side or the other might recede.

Thirty-one presidents and ranking officials of the great railroads received from the President this afternoon his plan for the adoption of an eight-hour day, regular pro rata pay for overtime and a creation of a Federal commission to investigate collateral issues. They told him they would like to consider the question and would report back tomorrow with the committee of managers which has been conducting negotiations.

At the same time the general committee of 640 representatives of the employees were approving the President's plan by a large majority and soon after the railroad officials left the White House the four heads of the railroad brotherhoods notified the President of the vote. The employees' committee remained here at the President's call.

The railroad officials revealed clearly their opposition to Mr. Wilson's plans and indicated that they would press further their offer to arbitrate. It was reported, however, the officials might suggest a counter proposal based on the acceptance of the eight-hour day and arbitration of all points instead of the investigation by a Federal commission, proposed under the President's plan. It was stated positively that the officials had reached no definite decision.

In case the president finds no hope of settlement at the next meeting he will probably summon to Washington some of the powerful financiers of the country serving as directors of the railroads. Administration officials assert that the President is determined to effect a settlement before the representatives of both sides, now here, leave Washington.

In their formal statement the railroad officials insisted upon arbitration on the ground that if they gave in this time it would mean the abandonment of the principle of arbitration and because they feared that if they granted the eight-hour day with its consequent added expense with out resort to arbitration it would prejudice any appeal they might make later to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

On the surface the threatened strike appears nearer than at any time since the negotiations at the White House began, but administration officials continued to believe that eventually there would be an agreement.

NEGRO BOY ACCIDENTLY SHOTS HIS PLAYMATES

GURLEY B. BECKWITH IS SHOT BY ALECK THOMAS, AND DIES FROM WOUND.

Gurley B. Beckwith, a 12-year-old negro boy, was accidentally shot by Aleck Thomas, a black youngster of about the same age, Thursday night, and died immediately from the effects of his wound. The two boys were playing with a pistol, which exploded prematurely while in the hands of Thomas. Policemen Cook and Glover, who investigated the tragedy, were fully convinced that the shooting was accidental, and Thomas was not placed under arrest.

Messrs. W. S. Mustin and L. J. Imes have returned from a pleasant visit to Hot Springs.